

WATER POWERS TO BE CONSERVED

House Committee Takes First Steps to Save Resources by Regulating Dams.

FOLLOW PRESIDENT'S LEAD

With Exception of Tax to Be Imposed, Members Agree to Policy Outlined by Roosevelt—Strong Opposition Appears.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Practically the first steps toward a more judicious use of the water powers of the country, in line with the policy of President Roosevelt to conserve the natural resources of the United States are now being made by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in preparation of a bill to regulate the construction of dams across navigable waters.

Preliminary consideration of the matter has developed the fact that there is a strong opposition in Congress to the Government levying on the water powers of navigable rivers.

Subsequent to the veto last Spring by the President of the Rainey project, the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House appointed a sub-committee to investigate the programme of new legislation in regard to the regulation of dams across navigable waters. During the Summer and Fall this sub-committee went into various phases of the matter and Chairman Stevens of Minnesota is now ready to explain to the full committee the recommendations of the sub-committee.

This will be the first matter considered after the return of the committee from Panama.

Agree With One Exception.

All the recommendations of the President in regard to the improvements and regulations of dams are agreed to by the subcommittee except the regulation that a tax be imposed. Tomorrow the subcommittee will urge that the full committee recommend to the House that the present laws be so amended that the Secretary of War may fix charges for the privilege of constructing a dam.

It will make an alternative recommendation that this money either be devoted to restoring conditions of navigation to the original state before the dam was constructed, or be turned into the treasury to be applied into the improvement of navigation generally. In his message the President pointed out that, while it appeared that under the present law there was a method of forfeiture of permits, when conditions were not met, owing to there being no definite imposition of the duty of declaring a forfeiture by any administrative officer, permits were not forfeited. The subcommittee will urge that this duty be imposed upon the Secretary of War.

Committee Accepts Recommendation

The committee also has accepted the

recommendation of the President that there be a specific time limitation upon the permits and has fixed 99 years as the limit. This is done with a view of the public keeping control of the great waterways and of the Government retaining the right to eventually remove a dam should it become an obstruction under changed conditions.

PREDICTS CHEAP LUMBER

Edward Hines Says Lower Cost of Manufacture Responsible.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Edward Hines, newly elected president of the Virginia & Rainy Lake Lumber Company, the largest combine in the world of its kind, predicts cheaper lumber and a new era in its production as a result of the new organization.

"It is our intention to cheapen the cost of manufacturing, and, of course, to cheapen the cost to consumers proportionately," said Mr. Hines. "We will not do this, however, at the expense of the country by reckless or wasteful lumbering methods."

"We will work in harmony with the forest departments of the United States and Canada, and we hope to make money out of the things that they will ask us to do. For instance, we will utilize all the timber on the ground we cut over. We will not simply pick out the choice trees, leaving dead wood and brush to feed forest fires. We will clear the land, so that instead of being a worthless wilderness after it is cut over, it will be available for farming purposes."

"We are also hoping that a further reduction may be made in the cost of lumber to American consumers by the taking off of the tariff. The greater part of our land is in Canada and this would enable us to bring the Canadian lumber into the United States, a thing that the tariff practically prohibits now."

DRYS WIN AT PRINEVILLE

Property-Owners Ticket Wins After Exciting Contest.

PRINEVILLE, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The property-owners and business men's ticket was victorious today in the annual election. The following officers were elected: Mayor, D. P. Stewart; Aldermen, John B. Shipp, Jesse Yancy, Wardwell Crain, Recorder, C. L. Shattuck; Treasurer, J. W. Boone; Marshal, Wade Huston. The election was very close and hotly contested. The winners may be classed as prohibitionists.

JURY FOR BEACH HARGIS

Defense Will Expose Whole Life of Judge Hargis.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 21.—At Irvine today a jury was secured to try Beach Hargis for the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis. All the members are farmers. It is said that the defense will introduce witnesses to lay bare the whole life of Judge Hargis, giving his connection with the Breckinridge County feuds and assassinations, believing it can be proved by these witnesses that Judge Hargis was responsible for his own death.

COATS, SUITS, SKIRTS.

Fine tailored suits, coats, skirts, waists, sash-dress dresses, garments, silk kimono, silk petticoats, waists, costumes, etc., for Christmas gifts. Lowest prices for high-grade garments. McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Morrison.

Christmas cutlery. Eysell's Pharmacy, 28 Morrison, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

LET COAL MEN AGT

Western Producers Fail to Take Part in Tariff Work.

EAST WANTS FREE COAL

Big Mine Operators Favor Removal of Duty to Open Up Canadian Market to the Americans. Would Hurt Far West.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.—If the coal producers of the West are interested in maintaining the present duty on coal, it is time they took cognizance of the fact that Congress is shaping a new tariff bill, and that considerable pressure is being brought to bear by Eastern interests to have coal placed on the free list. While the ways and means committee was giving hearings on coal, the Western producers were conspicuous by their absence. As a matter of fact, if the duty on coal is removed it will be the Western producers who will feel it and not the big producers of the anthracite region of Pennsylvania nor the bituminous region of the Ohio Valley.

As a matter of fact, Eastern coal producers are willing to have coal placed on the free list. They are sufficiently strong to meet competition from abroad and their geographical position is such that they can hardly be damaged by coal from foreign markets. On the contrary, the Eastern coal men believe that if the duty is removed, Canada will grant free admission to American coal, and thus enlarge the markets which today exist in the Eastern provinces. The Pennsylvania coal producers believe that they can compete with Nova Scotia producers in a large portion of Eastern Canada.

Would Damage Far West.

The real damage that would be done by removing the duty on coal would be in the Far West, where coal from British Columbia would enter into active competition with the coal produced in Washington and in Wyoming. Washington would feel it more than Wyoming because British Columbia coal could be shipped by water to Puget Sound, San Francisco and to Portland at rates which could not be met in many instances by Washington coal mines.

The Wyoming producers would probably not feel Canadian competition except in Idaho and Montana. Nevertheless there is a large market for coal in these two states, supplied almost entirely at present by the mines of Washington and Wyoming, and if, under the free trade arrangement, Canadian coal should compete in these markets, the Wyoming producers would suffer.

Should Submit Briefs.

The opinion of members of the coal producing states of the Far West is that their coal men should get together and formulate a brief or a series of briefs for presentation to the ways and means committee setting forth the conditions under which their coal is mined, the price of labor, the markets which they now serve, and showing what results would follow if they should be brought into competition with British Columbia coal, mined by cheap labor and much of it transported in foreign ships which also employ Asiatic labor. Any information

of this kind that is authentic will be of great assistance to the Western delegations in their protests against the reduction to the tariff on coal when the special session convenes.

OHIOAN IS ARRESTED HERE

Ex-County Auditor and Federal Agent in Tolls.

Thomas J. Patterson, formerly County Auditor of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and an agent in that state of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was arrested Sunday morning by Secret Service Agent Connell, and later held in \$2000 bonds which he furnished. It is charged by Connell that Patterson is wanted on a grand jury indictment in Ohio for impersonating a Federal officer, and that he has also obtained \$75 worth of groceries from an Ohio grocer and neglected to pay for them.

W. C. Bristol, Patterson's attorney, denies that his client is a fugitive from justice, and declares that no record of his ever having been indicted in Ohio has been sent to this state, and that the local Federal officers have no case against him. Patterson is at present working as a salesman for an East Side firm, and his employers have every confidence in him. His examination will be on January 12, by which time it is hoped to have the Ohio charges, if they exist, forwarded here.

EMMA GOLDMAN SPEAKS UP

Noted Anarchist Debates With Walter Thomas Mills.

Emma Goldman, the expounder of the principals of anarchism, and Walter Thomas Mills, Socialist, writer and lecturer on economic questions, were heard in a debate at a meeting last night in Merrill's Hall, Rev. E. S. Muckley acting as chairman. Mrs. Goldman advanced her well-known views on government and referred cynically to the programme of the Socialists. She made a plea for individual liberty. The community interest in the socialists, were heard by mutual understanding, without coercion, and added that government is in its essence corrupt, since it seeks to control the liberty of the individual. Each should decide his affairs in harmony with his own interests and inclinations and not in harmony with those who hold the power of government.

"The Jews," said Miss Goldman, "have been governed for 600 years. Their prophets each assured them that they would reach heaven. And the Jews are still in hell. The Christians have been ruled for the past 2000 years by the law laid down by their leader that was to give them heaven on earth; and they are still in hell. The Socialists are now in hell; but when they get into office they will make a heaven for themselves, and leave you in hell. The majority should not control the minority."

Mr. Mills, in answering Miss Goldman, questioned the practicability of her doctrine, and presented what he contended to be the principles of the greatest good to the greatest number. Said Mr. Mills: "Under the anarchistic system, when will you strike? When anyone is ready? When will you quit? When anyone is ready to quit? Nothing worth regarding was ever accomplished without union. I am not asking for the control of the minority by the majority, but for a system that shall stop the robbing of the majority by the minority."

Multnomah Billiard Tournament.

The handicap billiard tournament at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club commenced last night with games in the fifth class. E. L. Merereau, one of the best cue artists at the club, met and defeated two competitors. His first game was with E. M. Jones, from whom he won by 59 points to 43. E. D. Barrett

CHRISTMAS AT THE COAST

Through train to Seaside. Leaves Union Depot 6 P. M. December 24th. A. & O. R. R. R.

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was Merereau's opponent in the second game, when the latter won a second time, by the score of 50 to 46.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS.

Rooney Sisters—Orpheum.
The Rooney Sisters are the two little American dancers who conquered Europe and who were so well thought of that they were the recipients of handsome medals from her majesty, the Crown Prince Marie. Their dancing in London has been termed "the Rooney Madcap."

The Johnson Students.
The bill at Pantages Theater this week is composed of rare novelty acts. The Johnson Students, four young men, are the speediest club jugglers in America—their act is a whirlwind from start to finish. They are supported by seven clever vaudeville numbers.

Artistic Vaudeville.
One of the most artistic vaudeville offerings presented in Portland is "A Soldier of Propriety," in which Mr. and Mrs. Esmond are appearing this week at the Grand. The act is strictly high-class and contains legitimate character acting.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.
Seats Selling for Louis James.
Seats are now selling at the Helix Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for the favorite actor, Louis James, in the stupendous scenic production of "Peer Gynt." Mr. James, supported by Aphie James and a splendid company, will be the attraction for three nights, beginning next Thursday, with special matinee Christmas and Saturday.

Rose Stahl at Helix Tonight.
Tonight and tomorrow night at the Helix Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, the actress will be the charming actress, Rose Stahl, and an excellent supporting company, in her interesting comedy success, "The Chorus Lady." Last night's big audience applauded both star and play to the echo.

"Arizona" at the Baker.
Holla Couly's production of Augustus Thomas' greatest play, "Arizona," is the attraction at the Baker Theater all this week, with matinee Wednesday (bargain day), Friday and Saturday. As the title

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Christmas at the Bungalow.
The play Manager Baker's patrons of the Bungalow chose for a Christmas attraction in Holly's "A Midnight Bell," which is pleasing crowded houses nightly this week. Besides the regular Saturday matinee there will be a special matinee Christmas.

Hil Henry's Minstrels at the Star.
Hil Henry's entirely new minstrel aggregation is the attraction at the Star Theater this week. It is a minstrel performance by new high-grade performers, all of whom won New York recognition.

Christmas perfumes. Eysell's Pharmacy, 28 Morrison, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Elegant stock of fitted bags and suit cases at Harris' Trunk Co. Note window display.

If you are going to have any wines or liquors on your table at Christmas you ought to consider quality first, as that means the continuation of your good health.

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